

## Christology Set to Music

At NBBS we seek to make the **hymns of the faith** the baseline reference for our students in their evaluation of what is effective and appropriate Christian music. They are songs that declare the faith of our fathers and mothers - keeping the connection with them through the years. The hymns are rich in doctrine, and reverent in expression – and never more so than when it comes to the **great “Christmas” carols**. We sing carols in the midst of several nativity sets placed throughout the building, and particularly so in the chapel area. Much preaching is then done on the significance of the incarnation of God the Son in the flesh (II Timothy 3:16)!

### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light  
**The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

### *O Holy Night*

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,  
It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
'Till he appeared and **the soul felt its worth.**

**John  
1:14!**



### *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing!*

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,  
**Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.**

Adam's likeness, Lord, efface, stamp Thine image in its place:  
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love.

### *God Rest Thee Merry Gentleman*

Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day  
**To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.**

### *Down From His Glory*

**Without reluctance, flesh and blood His substance,**  
He took the form of man, revealed the hidden plan,  
O glorious myst'ry sacrifice of Calv'ry,  
And now I know **Thou art the great "I Am."**

**Hebrews 2:14-16!**



## Important Dates

Opening Day Rally & First Day of School  
for the Spring Semester - Tuesday, Jan. 12

## A Heads Up!

**NBBS Representatives are ready to visit your church!** Consider having Dr. Barber, Dr. Riggsby, Bro. Stewart, or any faculty member present NBBS to your people. We are always ready to share what makes the NBBS worthy of your interest.

## Favorite Sayings

### "Riggsbyisms"

"What is popular is probably not right, and what is right is probably not popular." Cited by Dr. Terry Riggsby, Faculty (NBBS Administrator - 1984-1999...Field Representative - 2014-Present

## Our Heritage Speaks

In Baptism, a Believer Declares at Least Ten Truths: 3. Every time a believer is baptized he repudiates Unitarianism. Matt. 28:19. *Lectures In Romans* by J.Frank Norris



## Alumni News!

Three recent NBBS graduates have come together with their families to form a church planting team like in the days of the Apostle Paul. Others since, have seen the wisdom in like-minded men working together to help churches fulfill the commission of Christ given to churches (Matt. 28:18-20). As Paul also strengthened the churches he or other fellow laborers had started, these men also desire to likewise help revitalize struggling churches. They are recommended to the brethren as IBFI home missionaries, approved this past October. They have been faithfully serving in their respected churches by whom they are being sent. *Tony & Melissa Roa, Jacob & Lindy Luman and Zack & Charish Doty, and their children, make a total 15 sources of blessing and help!*



## Persevering

### Pressing On the Upward Way!

We took great precautions and made use of preventative measures, but in early October, ten students and six faculty members came down with COVID-19. Off and on, throughout the semester, we have had some other cases pop up here and there. We were able to keep these intermittent ones away from the student body. **Hence, we finished the semester** with only one week of school-wide live streaming of the classes while quarantining was under way. Individual students have live streamed a week or two as they dealt with the virus. We are grateful for His grace, and the prayers of so many.

### Giving the Pilgrims Their Due

**The Pilgrims were not Puritans**, they were Separatists. They saw that churches were to be independent bodies and resisted the state Church of England. To escape the persecution of the king, they first went to Holland where they could worship God their way freely. However, the culture soon proved corrosive to their way of life. Off they went to "America!" They entered into a treaty with Wampanoag Tribe that lasted fifty years. **This agreement was mutually beneficial to the Pilgrims and Indians.** In so doing, these dedicated Christians exemplified the truth of the gospel and of Acts 17:26. Their Biblical view of all mankind also was the basis to the Mayflower Compact they wrote before they even departed their ship. It detailed how they would govern themselves. In content, it was a forerunner to our Constitution.



### An Amazing May Offering, Sustained Monthly Support from Churches & Christmas Offerings

The spring of last year saw us exceed our \$10,000 goal for NBBS Sunday, even after COVID-19 was settling upon us as a nation and our churches. Then in May, without being able to gather in the annual May IBFI meeting, we still saw God surpass our \$60,000.00 offering goal. As we near the end of the year, funds are still being received for our \$40,000.00 offering goal for the fall semi-annual IBFI fellowship meeting. Even though the attendance of it was greatly hampered by the COVID-19 situation, churches and individuals gave over \$26,000.00 at the meeting. Since then, some \$6,000.00 more has been received. **At \$32,000.00 plus, we are 4/5ths of the way there!**

### A Great Spirit Throughout the Semester!

The fresh crop of students added this semester to those returning, fit right in with a zeal for the Word of God and hearts to share it and live it. We have more new students that are to join us in the spring! **Keep praying for us!**